

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON RETIREE HEALTH CARE REFORMS**

Thursday, September 6, 2007 10:30 a.m. Room 521 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Meadows, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Meadows, Coulouris, Johnson, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg. (7/10)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Spade, Alma Smith, Moss. (3/10)

James Leleszi, Head of AETNA Retiree Solutions, National, Government and Labor Accounts, Deborah Lantzy-Talpos, Head of Michigan Markets for AETNA, and Teresa Gotimer, AETNA Head of Medicare Employer Group Sales, spoke to the Committee. Topics discussed included: Strategies to avoid; the effect of a substantial reduction in retiree health costs; allocation of savings; key elements of an OPEB mitigation strategy; cost containment strategies; retiree contribution strategies; the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and funding structure; investing in health equity; reducing care costs; Medicare Advantage Plans; AETNA's holistic integrated medical management approach; demonstrated savings through Medicare Advantage plans; health optimization; AETNA's HealthyRoads Program; innovations in care delivery; preventative services; and CareEngine.

Rod Crane, the Director of Institutional Business Development for TIAA/CREF (Teachers Insurance Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund), also spoke to the Committee. Mr. Crane provided an overview of TIAA-CREF; a national perspective of public sector retiree health care liabilities and retiree health environmental factors; a 2006 report on 21st century challenges and retirement insecurity; strategy four public sector multiple stakeholders and influencers; options for dealing with retiree health funding issues; attributes of an ideal retiree health trust funding vehicle; designing health funding solutions; defined contribution approaches; and a case study of the State of Minnesota Health Care Savings Plan.

Representative Wenke made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of August 16, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Representative Coulouris made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Meadows declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:12 p.m.